

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): A guitar as claimed in claim [[2]]⁸ wherein said ~~molded~~ piece is cup-shaped to conform to a specific breast size of an intended user of said guitar.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A method of making a guitar comprising the steps of providing an opening through the back of a guitar adjacent its upper edge when held in playing position, forming a breast-accommodating insert, and mounting said insert in said opening in position to receive the breast of player when the guitar is held in playing position.

Claim 6 (original): The method as claimed in claim 5 wherein said step of forming said breast-accommodating insert includes shaping said insert to fit the breast of a female instrumentalist.

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (new): In a guitar having a back and side surfaces, the improvement comprising a recess for receiving the breast of a player when the guitar is held against the chest, said recess being a piece inserted in said guitar and being located in said back surface adjacent the upper side surface when the guitar is held in playing position.

Claim 9 (new): In a guitar having a back and side surfaces, the improvement comprising a recess for receiving the breast of a player when the guitar is held against the chest, said recess being a hole located in said back surface adjacent the upper side surface when the guitar is held in playing position.